MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): It depends upon the standard. The book was recommended for the Sixth Form in the English schools and the Seventh Class in the Vernacular schools.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is there any basis for the Government's assumption that the Sixth Form and the Seventh Class are of the same standard ?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether any books were prescribed that were not recommended by the Inspectors of English and Vernacular Schools ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Am I to take it then that the Director or the Government had nothing to do with the prescription of these text-books except accepting the recommendation of the Inspectors ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): With regard to Malayalam books, yes. With regard to English books, the recommendation was scrutinised by the Director.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): With regard to other books, such as Geography, History, Arthmetic and so forth, did the Director accept the recommendations of the Inspectors ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): All books written in English are scrutinised by the Director. In regard to all books in Malayalam, the Inspectors' recommendations are accepted.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is it the position of Government that the Director is himself an authority in regard to all books in English, such as Arithmetic, Algebra, Geography ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Does that question arise, Sir ?

PRESIDENT: The question arises, but it has been answered. I think this question has been sufficiently threshed out.

Breaches in the banks of the Killi River.

87.* MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): With reference to the recent breaches in the banks of the Killi River to the south of the Trivandrum town and in the bund between Konchiravila and the Thiruvallam road, will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the urgent necessity of closing the breaches and strengthening the banks and the bund; and

(*b*) what progress, if any, has been made in such work ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Restoration work has already been started and is in progress.

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MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : May I know the kind of work that is proposed to be done? Is it merely restoration of the bund as it was or is it proposed to raise it and strengthen it ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : At present it is proposed to restore it as it was.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*): May I know whether the Chief Engineer does not realise that, if it is merely restored to its original condition, the chances are that it will again be breached? May I also know whether the present Chief Engineer has himself inspected that bund ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : Yes, I had been to the place myself.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : In regard to the other question, whether if it is merely restored to its original condition, the chances are that it will again be breached, what does the Chief Engineer say ? May I know whether, if there is a breach, it will not flood half of the town ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : It will be enquired into.

Appointment of Dr. Slater.

88 ***MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Will the Government be pleased to state ;

(*a*) the date on which Dr. Slater entered the State service and the date on which he left it ;

(*b*) his pay during that period ;

(*c*) the terms on which he was appointed and how his connection with the Government happened to be terminated ; and

(*d*) the total cost to Government on account of his appointment?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Entered service on 24-11-1932 forenoon and left service on 31-3-1933 afternoon.

(*b*) Bh. Rs. 1,800 per mensem.

(*c*) He was appointed on the following terms :—

1. He will be given a pay of Bh. Rs. 1,800 per mensem ;

2. He and his wife will be granted first class passage by steamer from London to India and first class railway fares from the port of arrival in India to Trivandrum.

3. For his journeys on tour in the State, he will be treated as a first class officer and in respect of daily allowance, when this is admissible, he will be granted S. Rs. 6 per diem.

4. In respect of casual leave, privilege leave and sick leave, he will be governed by the rules of the Service Regulations in force in the State.

5. He will be subject to the provisions of the Income Tax and Municipal Regulations in force in the State like any other officer of the State.

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